

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 4, 2006
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Mike Cartsonis for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Rogene Hill for Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Jim Huling for Christopher Brady, Mesa
* Jeanine Guy, Buckeye	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Carl Swenson for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Wayne Anderson for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Mark Pentz, Chandler	# John Kross, Queen Creek
Mark Fooks for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	Will Manley, Tempe
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	+ Shane Dille, Wickenburg
George Pettit, Gilbert	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
	Mike Sabatini for David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jan Dolan at 12:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Dolan announced that George Hoffman from Apache Junction, Tim Pickering from Fountain Hills, and John Kross from Queen Creek, were attending the meeting via teleconference; Shane Dille from Wickenburg was attending by videoconference.

Vice Chair Dolan noted that MAG staff was available to assist members of the public in turning in their public comment cards, who will bring the cards to the Chair. Vice Chair Dolan stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Vice Chair Dolan noted that the revised summary transmittals for agenda items #4E and #4F, that were previously faxed, were at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Vice Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Vice Chair Dolan noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, #4H, and #4I were on the consent agenda and reviewed the public comment guidelines. Public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. She noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

Mr. Dille commented on agenda item #4F, Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Programs. He said that the Town of Wickenburg had submitted an application for design assistance for a project that is very important to the Town. Mr. Dille remarked that he understood why the project was not furthered in the process. He explained that ADOT is planning a bypass and after this bypass is completed there will not be a pedestrian mode across the Hassayampa River. Mr. Dille added that ADOT is trying to be responsive by leaving part of the old bridge in place, which the Town will turn into a pedestrian bridge. Mr. Dille stated that the Town will be moving forward on this project in the MAG closeout process and requested that the Management Committee give the project consideration at that time.

Mr. Pettit expressed that the Town of Gilbert would like to assist the Town of Wickenburg with the application in any way.

Ms. Hill offered the City of Avondale's support.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Fooks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of September 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the September 6, 2006 meeting minutes.

4B. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG FY 2008 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2008-2012 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration. Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The funding request for FY 2008 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 2006. The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund is funded by the monthly 9-1-1 excise tax on wireline and wireless telephones. The 9-1-1 excise tax has been reduced from 37 cents a month to 28 cents a month as of July 1, 2006. The excise tax is scheduled for a further reduction to 20 cents a month effective July 1, 2007. The ADOA has projected 9-1-1 funding will be depleted by FY 2010. Efforts are being made to stabilize the 9-1-1 funds through legislation to ensure appropriate funding in the future.

4C. Amendment to the Approved List of Consultants for the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering/Transportation Safety On-Call Services

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment that would add Works Consulting and HDR, Inc. to the approved list of consultants qualified to carry out Traffic Engineering projects under the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering, Transportation Safety On-Call services. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes projects to be launched in the areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Engineering and Transportation Safety. Approximately 21 projects, in nine areas of technical expertise, will be carried out using a list of On-Call consultants that are qualified in each area of technical expertise. This list of On-Call consultants was approved by the Regional Council Executive Committee at its meeting on February 13, 2006. The MAG ITS Committee, at its January 4, 2006 meeting, had recommended ten consultants for the Traffic Engineering area of expertise. However, the list of recommended consultants that was provided for subsequent Management Committee and Executive Committee consideration had inadvertently left out two firms that ranked at #9 and #10 in the area of Traffic Engineering. The approved list of On-Call consultants needed to be amended to include these two firms.

4D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of URS Corporation to develop the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes funding to develop a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for the MAG urbanized area. Key tasks include conducting a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) and developing a strategic implementation plan. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications on July 14, 2006, and received three responses. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and conducted consultant interviews. The evaluation team recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

4E. Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2007 CMAQ Funding

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2007 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2007 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$1,440,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers. PM-10 certified street sweeper projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment area and 12 applications requesting \$1.95 million in federal funds were received. On September 28, 2006, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2007 CMAQ funding.

4F. Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Programs

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the following projects for funding from the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program: City of Avondale - Van Buren Connection Pedestrian Project, \$46,000; Town of Buckeye - Eason and 7th Street Pedestrian Project, \$24,000; Town of Fountain Hills - Four Peaks Elementary School Sidewalk Project, \$45,000; Town of Gilbert - Gilbert Industrial Pedestrian Campus, \$50,000; City of Mesa - Adobe Road Pedestrian Project, \$35,000; and recommended approval of the following projects for funding from the Bicycle/Shared Use Design Assistance Program: City of Avondale - Bridge Bicycle Design Project, \$75,000; Town of Gilbert - Bicycle Crossing Improvement and Safety Demonstration Project, \$75,000; City of Mesa - Longmore Shared-Use Path Project, \$75,000; City of Phoenix - Little Canyon Shared-Use and Canal Path Project, \$75,000. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes \$200,000 for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program and \$300,000 for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance Program. Ten project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On September 19, 2006, the MAG Bicycle Task Force and the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended nine projects for approval. On

September 28, 2006, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the list of projects for funding from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Program.

4G. Bicycle and Pedestrian Design Assistance On-Call Consultant List

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of the following consultants for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List: A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes \$200,000 for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program and \$300,000 for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance Program. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List provides member agencies with a pre-approved consultant list to provide assistance for their design project. A request for consultants to submit Statements of Qualifications was sent out in early July and submittals were received at MAG on July 31, 2006. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the applications and recommended to MAG that A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc. be selected for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List. On September 19, 2006, the MAG Bicycle Task Force and the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended the selection of the consultant list.

4H. Proposed Amendments to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add \$47,346.63. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$594,000 in consultant funding for the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has indicated that \$47,346.63 will be remaining on the Federal FY 2006 Regional Rideshare Program Contract due to a timing issue with manufacturing and installing the Rideshare/Transit Info, Call 511 freeway signs. To complete this project in Federal FY 2007, it is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add the \$47,346.63. This would revise the total funding for the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to \$641,346.63.

4I. Efforts to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Youth

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) Youth Policy Stakeholders Group are partnering on a project to address the impact of domestic violence on youth. The Youth Empowerment Project, funded by the Governor's Office, Division for Women, will promote messages developed by teens for teens about resources for healthy relationships. This item is presented in honor of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Youth Empowerment Project aims to deliver accurate, accessible and age-appropriate resource information directly into the hands of teens. Their

feedback has indicated that when teens experience domestic violence, either in the home or in the context of a dating relationship, they most frequently seek the assistance of their peers, rather than from adults. Implementation of the project will involve the development of a teen-specific resource list, recorded peer testimonials, and a fact sheet about the process and consequences of reporting violence. All of these materials will be made available online at a new website currently developed specifically for teens. The web address is www.WebofFriends.org.

5. FY 2007 MAG Early Phase Input Opportunity Report

Jason Stephens, MAG Public Involvement Planner, gave a presentation on the FY 2007 MAG Early Phase Input Opportunity Report. Mr. Stephens stated that MAG has a four-phase public involvement process, which was adopted by the MAG Regional Council in 1994 and enhanced in 1998. Mr. Stephens stated that the FY 2007 Early Phase Input Opportunity was conducted from August through September 2006. Opportunities for input included an Early Phase Stakeholders Meeting, Chicanos Por La Causa Business Seminar in Spanish and several I-17 Road Shows. Most of these opportunities were conducted in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail. Mr. Stephens stated that staff members from these agencies were available during these events to answer questions, receive suggestions and respond to comments related to the Valley's transportation system. Mr. Stephens noted that comments were also received online and by telephone.

Mr. Stephens noted that a summary of input and all correspondence received during the phase is included in the Draft FY 2007 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report. He reviewed some of the questions and comments received: 1) The freeway program needs to be accelerated. 2) We need more capacity on the entire transportation system. 3) Commuter rail should see more consideration as a key plan component. 4) Valley Metro should follow up with the Dial-a-Ride study that it said it would complete. 5) Who is responsible for the speeders along the Loop 101? Light rail should follow the entire freeway system. 6) When will light rail go to the new Cardinals stadium? 7) When is bus service going to be increased in the West Valley? 8) I hope air quality improves once we get all the transit in place.

Mr. Stephens added that as part of a requirement of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), MAG has recently completed a new public participation plan. He noted that the draft plan is in a 45-day review process. Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

6. Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) Account

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, stated that House Bill 2865 created the Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account. He said that the STAN account provides \$307 million statewide to be used for the acceleration of the construction or reconstruction of freeways, state highways, bridges, and interchanges. He noted that this does not include streets and transit. Mr. Anderson advised that the Maricopa County region will receive 60 percent (\$184.2 million) of the fund, the Pima County area 16 percent, and the remainder of the state 24

percent. Mr. Anderson noted that this is the first time that the Legislature and Executive Branch have put a substantial amount of money toward transportation needs.

Mr. Anderson advised that the legislation requires that the funds for this region be allocated to projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and that STAN funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, committed funding.

Mr. Anderson then explained that the MAG Transportation Policy Committee and the MAG Regional Council will recommend projects to the State Transportation Board, which is required to take action at its next meeting. He stated that MAG is also required to report on activities related to the STAN account to the House and Senate by December 15, 2006.

Mr. Anderson provided a review of guidance given by the Transportation Policy Committee and discussion by the September Regional Council at their September meetings. Mr. Anderson stated that the TPC discussed that projects would generally follow adopted RTP priorities. He said that one important consideration is project readiness. He explained that some projects are not ready to be accelerated because they are in the design stage or are undergoing environmental studies, such as the South Mountain Freeway and the I-10 Collector Distributor. He noted that projects being targeted are those that could start construction in 2008.

Mr. Anderson stated that the TPC discussed projects that would provide congestion relief and being performance based. He mentioned legislative bills put forward unsuccessfully this past session that earmarked funds for I-10 and I-17 projects, and added that what has been heard from legislators is to move dirt on important projects as soon as possible.

Mr. Anderson noted that typical projects to utilize STAN funds could include construction that provides congestion relief, for right-of-way protection, or advance engineering and environmental work. He indicated that engineering and environmental work could be advanced to provide future project readiness in case the Legislature gives us more money next year. Mr. Anderson noted that purchasing right-of-way could help avoid future cost increases, however, there seems to be a preference for doing construction projects.

Mr. Anderson stated that MAG will consult with ADOT on the status of projects. Mr. Anderson stated that the TPC discussed having subregional meetings or a workshop to discuss options for using the STAN funds. He added that because there was insufficient time to hold the subregional meetings prior to the October 11th TPC meeting, it has been cancelled. Mr. Anderson indicated that possible action by the TPC could be taken November 15th. He added that if the Regional Council makes a recommendation at its meeting on December 13th, this could be included in the report to the House and Senate. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked members if they had comments or questions.

Mr. Rumpeltes requested support for accelerating Loop 303. He said that the City of Surprise Mayor and Council are pitching this project to other cities. Mr. Rumpeltes stated that the City of Surprise, with a population of 100,000, has no freeway. Mr. Rumpeltes noted that Loop 303 has been in the plan since the 1980s in Proposition 300 and it is now in Proposition 400. He noted that 60 percent of the Northwest Valley voters supported Proposition 400. Mr. Rumpeltes

commented that Loop 303 was promised to the people and it is not happening quickly because it is a Phase 2 project. He asked the Committee's consideration on this project.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that everyone knows that I-17 has major problems.

Dennis Smith commented that there are a lot of worthy freeway projects, including some from 1985. He referenced what Mr. Anderson had mentioned, the key is project readiness. Some projects are in the environmental or design stages and cannot be accelerated.

Vice Chair Dolan stated that it was important to keep the Management Committee advised on the STAN process. She added that any communications to the Committee would be helpful.

Mr. Rumpeltes noted that the Loop 303 project is ready to go.

7. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Vice Chair Dolan asked Mr. Smith if MAG had any recent news to share. Mr. Smith requested that Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, update the Committee on an upcoming visit to the MAG Region by the Greater Dallas Planning Council.

Ms. Taft stated that the Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC) is composed of elected officials, business representatives, and staff who will be visiting the MAG Region November 1-3, 2006. She said that GDPC is interested in looking at best practices in regard to urban form, transit oriented development, and aviation. Ms. Taft reviewed the functions planned that included visits to MAG and venues in the Cities of Glendale, Phoenix, Tempe, and Scottsdale. She noted that an invitation would be sent to Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary